GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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Main Source of Water
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the main sources of water used by households in the country for other purposes such as cooking and hand washing; and
(b) the percentage of households that use that respective source?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) The main source of water for majority of rural households in the country for other purposes such as cooking and hand washing are hand pump / tube well / well and ground water / surface water based piped water supply schemes depending on the sources available as per geographical area.
(b) This Ministry does not maintain household-wise information regarding drawing drinking water from different sources. However, as per data entered by the States on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of this Ministry, as on 20.03.2017, 54.67% rural population has access to Piped Water Supply and 15.39% of total rural household have tap connection. The details of population using various rural water supply schemes like PWS, hand pump (hp), rain water harvesting structures and others like spring, pond, canal etc. are at Annexure.